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1. [redacted] in 1951, there were Dog training centers in most cities and towns of the USSR. These centers were the responsibility of the DOSARM (Dobrovolnoye Obshchestvo Sodeystviya Armii - Voluntary Society for Cooperation with the Army), whose headquarters were located in Moscow. Annual dog shows were sponsored by the DOSARM, which appointed a committee for the inspection and classification of the dogs. The chief consideration was the state of the dog's training. Any person who owned a German shepherd dog had to register him with the DOSARM.
2. In the USSR dogs were used for many different purposes, as follows:
 - a. The MVD used dogs for police duties.
 - b. The Medical Corps used trained dogs to carry first aid supplies and to locate the wounded.
 - c. Dogs were trained for messenger and sentry duty.
 - d. Dogs were utilized for anti-tank operations - trained to carry explosives under a moving tank.

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3. Army training given to dogs was broken down into two cycles, each lasting one year, as follows:
 - (a) The first cycle, a basic course in which dogs were taught simple commands and obedience, normally started when the dogs were six months old. This training progressed through various stages to the point where a dog had learned such feats as jumping a two m picket fence or climbing a ladder on command. During this cycle dogs were also trained to protect their masters and to guard property.
 - (b) The second cycle consisted in specialized training for medical, guard, messenger, and anti-tank duties.

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